REMARKS

The Office action dated August 2, 2005 has been carefully considered.

Status of the Claims

Claims 1-5 and 21-22 are pending. Claim 21 is canceled. Therefore, claims 1-5 and 22 are pending following entry of this amendment.

Claims 1-5 and 21-22 are objected to because of certain informalities.

Claim 21-22 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, first paragraph, as being non-enabling. Claim 21 is canceled. Therefore, the objection and rejection of this claim are now moot.

Claims 1-5 would be allowable if rewritten to overcome the claim objection. The Applicants wish to thank the Examiner for indicating that claims 1-5 would be allowable. Claims 1 and 3 are amended to delete the subscript "u." Therefore, claims 1 and 3, and claims dependent therefrom now overcome the objection and are in condition for allowance. Early allowance is respectfully requested.

Claim Rejection Under 35 U.S.C. § 112, First Paragraph

Claim 22 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, first paragraph, because the Examiner opined that the specification does not reasonably provide enablement for the use of an aromatic-based siloxane containing any substituted aromatic group. The Applicants believe that the examiner is mistaken. Claim 22 depends from claim 1, which is allowable. Therefore, claim 22 also should be allowable. Withdrawal of this rejection is respectfully requested.

In view of the above, it is submitted that the claims are patentable and in condition for allowance. Reconsideration of the rejection is requested. Allowance of the claims at an early date is solicited.

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